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TWO MORE BOYS GIVE LIVES

Ellis Missing In Action

Said To Have Been Member Gen. Patton's 3rd U.S. Army

According to a War Department message received this week Pfc. Leroy C. Ellis, son of J. W. Ellis of Roanoke Rapids, is reported missing in action in Germany since March 27 of this year.

Ellis entered the Army in April 1944, and received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He went overseas in September, 1944.

A member of the famous United States Third Army commanded by Gen. Patton, Ellis has seen action in England, Italy, France and Germany. He is believed to have been in the Luxembourg area

3 Local Boys Freed From Nazi Prisons

Three Roanoke Rapids soldiers who had previously been reported missing in action, and were later known to have been German prisoners of war, have been liberated by Allied troops, it became known today.

Those freed are: Pvt. William E. Holmes, son of Mrs. Annie Holmes, 1004 Vance street, captured September 28, 1944. Now in France. Expected home soon. Reported missing last September.

Pvt. Telton H. Whitby, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Whitby, 1001 Franklin street. Mother received two letters. Whitby wrote: "Have been recaptured by American troops. Happiest boy in army. Glad to be out of that 'Hell hole'." Had been reported missing. In German war prison camp nine months, 15 days.

Pvt. Joseph F. Waters, son of Mrs. W. B. Waters, 916 Rapids street. German prisoner since October 4, 1944. Reported missing last September. Cablegram from International Red Cross received Wednesday afternoon.

Sgt. Fecteau Believed Dead

Sgt. Rowland W. Fecteau, twice reported missing in action, is now believed dead. Information concerning his death was given in a letter from "Jim," close friend of Fecteau's, who wrote his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Batstone, Cloaksville, O., who in turn sent the letter to Sgt. Fecteau's mother, Mrs. A. H. Fecteau, Lowell, Mass. Sgt. Fecteau's wife, the former Miss Mabel Wright, lives at 1013 Vance street.

Alex Bullock Dies From Wounds In Battle Of Luzon

Wounded



Prisoner



At the top is First Sergeant Larry Thomas Jordan, 30, and below is Pfc. Carry Lee Jordan, Brothers, and the sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jordan of Halifax, Rt. 2. Larry volunteered for the Army in 1937. He received his basic training at Fort Bragg, went to Hawaii and remained there three years. He was returned to the states and was kept here for about a year, and after hostilities broke out he saw action in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He was wounded in Italy in June, 1944. He was sent to France after his recovery and was again wounded in the D-Day (See PRISONER—Page 8, Sect. A)

Was Last Heard From In Letter Dated April 11

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bullock, Sr., 758 Charlotte street, Roanoke Rapids, were informed this week that their son, Pfc. Alex Bullock, Jr., 26, had died from wounds suffered in battle on Luzon Island, April 19. His wife, the former Miss Grace Osein, of Minneapolis, Minn., and their two children reside in that city.

Young Bullock, a former employe of Patterson Mills, entered service March 23, 1939, receiving his basic training at Fort Snelling, Minn. He served 14 months in Greenland, being returned to the states because of rheumatic fever. On December 28, 1944, he was sent to the Pacific area.

A graduate of the local High School, Alex has a brother and sister overseas, 1st. Lt. Vera Bullock seeing service with a nurses corps in the Netherlands, East Indies, (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)

Col. Hunter Is Reported Dead

Col. Frank P. Hunter, commanding officer of an Eighth Air Force Bomber Station in England, who was reported missing in action over Germany January 23, is believed to have been killed, according to information received in the city from a high Army officer. The news concerning Col. Hunter, however, has not been confirmed by the War Department.

13 Not Unlucky For Ed Turner

"Thirteen" doesn't mean anything to Edward Turner of this city, and the fact is proved by these figures and he's still all right. Recently Turner "made" "Odd Facts in Carolina," edited and drawn by Carl Spencer, and which appears in the News and Observer. Here is how Turner "went for" 13's:

A veteran of World War II, Turner arrived in Iceland on May 13 after a trip that required 13 days. He arrived back in the United States on July 13 after having stayed overseas for 13 months. The return trip also required 13 days. He was discharged from the Army on November 13 and earned \$13 from a job he accepted on the 13th day of the month.

Dies In Action



Above is Pfc. H. Charles Leatherwood, Jr., who is reported killed in Germany April 13.

Inspection Local State Guard Unit

Captain Francis Kemp, commanding the 14th Company, has announced that the Company will stand a Federal inspection next Tuesday evening beginning at 7:30. For this reason there will be no drill on Monday.

Senior officer of the formal inspection will be Lt. Col. Douglas C. France, District 2, Fourth Service Command, USA. With him will be Major Hill Yarborough, NCSG, and 1st. Lt. Charles Bailey, USA, with his staff officers.

The entire 14th Company is ordered to be present. No excuse from this inspection will be issued except because of sickness, and those who are absent because of illness will be requested to bring a medical certificate from a physician on the following drill night. The uniform to be worn will consist of helmet, leggins, and summer khaki.

This formal inspection of the entire company follows up the preliminary inspection of the full equipment issued to the local unit made by Major Yarborough and 2nd Lt. Willis, NCSG, on Monday, May 7th.

Edwards And Leatherwood Are Reported As Casualties

Corp. Herbert S. Edwards, 24, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ellem M. Edwards, was killed in action in Italy, April 24, according to a War Department message received this week by members of his family.

Overseas 18 months, Edwards was with a Medical Detachment, 11th Armed Infantry. He entered the service December 2, 1942, taking his basic training at Fort Bragg.

Corp. Edwards had been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in battle last year. He also wore the Good Conduct Medal given only recently.

Surviving Corp. Edwards are three sisters, Miss Clara Edwards, Mrs. Joy Lewis and Mrs. Lettie Stanbrook of Norfolk, and five brothers, S/Sgt. Carl G. Edwards, Camp Roberts, Cal.; Thomas, Loyd, Dupy and Clyde Edwards of Roanoke Rapids.

A cousin, Levi "Cash" Register, an inseparable companion of Corp. Edwards, is somewhere in the South Pacific war theatre.

Pfc. H. Charles Leatherwood, Jr., 20, is reported killed in Germany, April 13th. He was with the 46th F. A. Communications Headquarters, attached to the Fifth Infantry Division of General Patton's Third Army. Pfc. Leatherwood volunteered for service April 5, 1943, and was trained at Fort Bragg, N. C., and Camp Rucker, Ala. He was stationed for awhile at Ft. Meade, Md. He went overseas October 7, 1943.

Born in Hopewell, Va., he attended Hopewell High School and was in the graduating class of '43 at Roanoke Rapids High School. He was active on the baseball, football and basketball teams in High School and during the summer of '42 played on the American Legion baseball team in Hopewell. He made his home for several years with his grandparents, the late Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Holloway of this city.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Ruth Robertson, Petersburg, Va.; father, H. C. Leatherwood, Hopewell, Va., and one brother, Pvt. Robert H. Leatherwood, Camp Blanding, Florida, who entered the service March 22.

Pfc. Leatherwood followed in his (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)

Campaign Begins On Next Monday

The campaign for funds for the American Cancer Society will begin in Roanoke Rapids next Monday, according to Mrs. E. D. Harbour, Roanoke Rapids Chairman. Every year there are thousands of lives taken by this dread disease. Roanoke Rapids citizens are asked to give \$1,000. Solicitors from the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs will aid in the campaign. Mrs. Wade Dickens is county chairman.